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Applicants:

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to examination thereof, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", please insert the following new paragraph:

--This application is a Continuation application of application Serial No. 07/502,872, filed April 2, 1990, which is a Continuation-in-Part application of application Serial No. 07/444,932, filed December 4, 1989.--

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REMARKS

Applicants have amended their specification, prior to examination of the above-identified application, in order to refer to prior applications of the above-identified application being relied upon under 35 USC 120, consistent with the requirements of 35 USC 120. Clearly, entry of the present amendment of the specification is proper.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present amendment to the specification, and, subsequently, examination of the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 396.28283CP4) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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